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By: Sisa Kaise

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

G. Ramanath et al.

Application No.: 09/976,927

Filed: October 11, 2001

For: DIFFUSION BARRIERS COMPRISING A SELF-ASSEMBLED

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Examiner:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims.

24. (New) A semiconductor device comprising:

B)

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(a) a substrate;